

Matrix for Analyzing the Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Directions: Each placard you will receive explains one of the features of the Articles of Confederation. Carefully examine the drawing on the placard, read the information on it, and discuss the question(s). Then complete the information in the appropriate place on the matrix below.

Placard	Feature	Why This Was Included in the Articles of Confederation	Possible Problems with This Feature
A	No Chief Executive.		
B	Laws needed approval by nine of thirteen states.		
C	Congress did not have the power to tax citizens. It could only request tax money from the states.		
D	Congress did not have the power to draft an army. It could only request states to send men for military services.		

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E	No national court system.		
F	Any amendments to the Articles must be approved by all thirteen states.		
G	Congress did not have the power to collect state debts owed to the federal government.		
H	Congress did not have the power to settle disputes among states.		